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SUBJECT: Financial Information Database Submission

Thank you for your efforts in compiling and submitting data to the Center for Educational Performance and Information throughout the school year. In particular, we would like to congratulate you at this time for your district's timely and complete submission of the FID data by the November 15, 2004 deadline.

As we begin to prepare for the fall 2005 FID collection, please pass along our appreciation to the staff members of your business and finance offices for all their hard work in the preparation and submission of this data. Your district's staff members not only had to complete changes in line with industry practices, but also prepared and exported files for the new FID system with transactions that substantially complied with the Michigan Public School Accounting Manual Chart of Accounts.

Changing the manner in which something has always been done is never easy. The success of this first year of FID data collection depended entirely upon your staff members' ability to align your district's accounting system with the state-mandated chart of accounts and adapt to this new method of submitting financial data. So again, we hope you will join us in congratulating them on a job well done.